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LB 356

All legislators are supposed to be in their seats so we can proceed with the roll call.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote found on page 1735 of the Legislative Journal.) 26 ayes, 13 nays on the motion to return, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is returned to Select File. The amendment is adopted. Will you clear the board, please? Senator Koch, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, is this on the...the amendment has been adopted?

SPEAKER MARVEL: The amendment was adopted with 26 votes so we are now...

SENATOR KOCH: The action now is to readvance?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes.

SENATOR KOCH: May I speak to that action?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, sir. Reluctantly the Call is raised.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, the information I have is that I think the body has been a little bit misled. I can understand smaller cities possibly using this but this refers to all cities. This would allow me as a member of a council or a purchasing agent to purchase personal property up to \$10,000 without any kind of publication or a bid procedure. This body has always been rather careful in terms of how we allow bids to go forth. If I am in a larger community it means that I could buy x number of things under \$10,000 incremental units without ever going to a bid. I will use as examples as golf carts. You can buy at least, probably about five golf carts that would be less than the \$10,000 figure and I could just keep doing that ever so often and that is personal property. I can understand a smaller community but I am a little bit reluctant to allow this to be the privilege of all cities. If we really believe in the bid procedure, the publication, the specs, I think we have opened the door rather wide on this particular issue. Information just came to my office downstairs that the league doesn't support this and I recall distinctly what Senator Duis was talking about a moment ago. Last year